GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF SJSR YOJANA IN STATES
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States are comparatively slow in implementing the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar (SJSR) Yojana in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has identified the main causes for it;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the remedial measures taken by the Government to speed up the implementation of Yojana in these States?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.423 FOR 4.5.2007 REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF SJSR YOJANA IN STATES.

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The pace of implementation of the Scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), being implemented in the country since 1.12.1997, has varied between State to State. Statements showing State-wise physical and financial progress of the Scheme, on the basis of Quarterly Progress Reports (QPRs) received from the States/Union Territories, are given at Annexure-I and Annexure-II.

(c)&(d): The causes for slow progress of the Scheme in some States/Union Territories are manifold. Some of the major reasons are as under:

(i) The Budget allocation of the Scheme being small, there is a lack of enthusiasm among the States/Union Territories in the implementation of the Scheme.

(ii) Lack of a holistic approach in the scheme to address the other needs of the urban poor such as shelter and basic amenities in addition to the income generation needs.

(iii) Lack of authentic Below Poverty Line and Livelihood Needs Assessment data related to urban poor.

(iv) Banks not coming forward to provide loan assistance to the urban poor in setting up micro-enterprises under the Scheme.

(v) Lack of adequate capacity building of functionaries at the local level implementing the Scheme.

(e): The various steps taken by the Government to make the Scheme more effective are as under:

(i) The Central allocation for the Scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) has been significantly enhanced in recent years from Rs.160 Crore in 2005-2006 to Rs.250 Crore in 2006-2007 and further to Rs.344 crore in 2007-2008.

(ii) The Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) and Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP), launched on 3rd December 2005, as components under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), addressed to the shelter and basic amenities needs of the urban poor so as to complement efforts under SJSRY.

(iii) Funds have been released to State Governments under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) to conduct slum, below poverty line and livelihood profile surveys in cities/towns in the country so as to have an authentic data base.

(iv) The cases of non-cooperation of Banks have been taken up with Ministry of Finance/Reserve Bank of India at regular intervals.

(v) In order to enhance the capacity of Urban Local Bodies and other functionaries handling the urban poverty alleviation programmes, a `National Programme on Capacity Building` under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) has been launched.